HOUSE RESOLUTION 24 By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of George Harding of Lebanon to the Registry of Election Finance.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203, provides for the creation of the Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-203 (c) (3), further provides that the House of Representatives shall appoint two (2) members to the Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives has appointed George Harding of Lebanon to a term as a member of the Registry of Election Finance, filling the position created by the expiration of the term of Mr. Hank Fincher of Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harding, noted for his outstanding and effective accomplishments as a citizen of Tennessee and his active interest in promoting fair elections, has contributed many years of public service to Tennessee, serving on the Wilson County Quarterly Court for many years, as Wilson County Highway Superintendent for several years and several terms as the Chairman of the Wilson County Commission's Tax Rate and Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, active in various organizations, George Harding is the only active charter member of the Lebanon Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harding has held memberships in such diverse organizations as the National Board of Directors of Little League Baseball and the First United Methodist Church of Lebanon; he has proficiently served as chairman of the Highland Run Regional Library Board of Murfreesboro, president of Oak Hill Home Owner's Association of Lebanon, past president of the Mid-South Charter of the American Merchant Marines Veterans, Inc., and as a member of the board of the Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency; and

WHEREAS, George Harding is a veteran of World War II and a member of the board of the World War II Tennessee Maneuvers Commission, and was a 2nd Lieutenant of the Tennessee State Guard from 1943 through the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harding is a long time member of Lebanon Lodge #98 Free and Accepted Masons, having served as past High priest of the Royal Arch, past Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons, past Commander of Knights Templar 320, and as a member of Al Menah Shrine; and

WHEREAS, George Harding also holds the distinction of being the past commander (trustee) of the Tennessee Library Association, 1993 recipient of the Outstanding Trustee Award, and a member of the Southeastern Library and the American Library Associations; and

WHEREAS, George Harding is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well being of this state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203, provides that each member appointed by the House Democratic Caucus to the Registry of Election Finance shall be confirmed by Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of George Harding to the Registry of Election Finance for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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